



**Elections 101: For Voters and Candidates**

**Thursday, April 16, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Forest Park Branch Library, 380 Belmont Avenue**

Learn about elections from A to Z in this interactive presentation by Springfield Election Commissioner Gladys Oyola. Topics include, Why should I register to vote, and who has the right to vote? How do candidates get on the ballot? How can they learn more about potential voters? How do I file an initiative petition? Audience questions are welcome. Special guests former elected officials including former State Senator Brian Lees and former State Representative Cheryl Coakley-Rivera will give their perspectives on being a candidate and the importance of being an active voter. Elections staff will be on hand to register Springfield residents and help them check their voter status. Forest Park Branch Library Community Room. **Please sign up online at our Events Calendar at [www.springfieldlibrary.org](http://www.springfieldlibrary.org).**

**What's It Like to Be in Office? For Voters and Candidates**

**Tuesday, May 19, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Brightwood Branch Library, 359 Plainfield Street**

What's it like to be a candidate? Once you've won the election, what's it like to be in office? Candidates and voters are invited to this moderated panel to hear about grassroots campaigning, learning about issues important to voters, fundraising, constituent work, using social media, and audience questions. Elections staff will be on hand to register Springfield residents and help them check their voter status. Brightwod Branch Library Community Room. **Please sign up online at our Events Calendar at [www.springfieldlibrary.org](http://www.springfieldlibrary.org).**

**Campaign Finance Rules/Regulations: For Voters and Candidates**

**Monday, June 8, 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Central Library Community Room, 220 State Street**

Candidates and elected officials are required to file paperwork with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts detailing their campaign fundraising and expenditures. Jason Tait, Director of Communications and Public Education for the state's Department of Office of Campaign and Political Finance will offer training and information to those running for office on filing requirements and document preparation in compliance with the state's campaign finance laws as well as the role of public employees and officials in campaigns. Voters can learn how to research the database that is compiled from these documents.. In addition, elections staff will be on hand to register Springfield residents and help them check their voter status. Open to candidates, elected officials, and residents of Springfield and surrounding towns with a Fall election season. **Please sign up online at our Events Calendar at [www.springfieldlibrary.org](http://www.springfieldlibrary.org).**

